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INFORMATION

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"Due to illness, the Commander's Message is omitted from this issue, but we know we will get a Past Commander's message in the next issue. In the meantime, let's back him up and I am sure one of the biggest satisfactions he could have would be for both a wonderful and well attended Convention in Manchester, so get in the registrations and let the boys up there know you are coming."

H. Guy Watts, Sec'y
for National Commander Meikle

Proposed Amendments

Dear Comrade Commander:

Enclosed herewith are the changes, additions and amendments to the By-laws of the Association and are recommended for adoption: the change of Article Eleven, Section Six having the endorsement of the National Executive Committee at its meeting in Worcester March 20, 1955.

No. 1—The following section to be added to Article Five, Section Six: The Chapter awarded the convention must sign a contract with the National YD Veterans Association, to pay to the National Association, through the Convention Committee or Convention Corporation Fifty (50) of each and every Registration Fee received from the Convention. This total amount to be paid to the National Treasurer of the Convention on the last day.

No. 2—Article Five, Section Seven: The National Commander shall appoint two Members of the Association, who are NOT Members of the Convention Committee or Convention Corporation, to assist the Registration Committee.

Amendment No. 3 —

Amendment: Article Eleven, Section Five to read Section Five: No Officer of the Association shall receive remuneration for His services as such, except the National Secretary and the National Treasurer, who shall receive such salary as the National Executive Committee may determine, except that travel expenses of the National Commander, National Secretary and the National Treasurer, incurred in performances of their duties, may be approved by the vote of the National Executive Committee.

The above changes amendments and additions are hereby submitted by the By-law Committee as of April 1st, 1955.

THOMAS F. CROKAN, Chrm.
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Worcester Chapter.
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Providence Chapter.
PETER J. BOURGET,
Providence Chapter.

Amendment No. 3 approved and recommended by the National Executive Committee at Worcester, Mass., March 20, 1955.

CONVENTION NEWS

The Following Program for the Convention Has Been Arranged

THURSDAY, JUNE 9th — Registration. Fireworks and many other events.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th — Visit to Veterans Hospital. Business meeting at 10:00 a.m. Registration all day. Tea for ladies. Evening Military Ball at Armory.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11th — Business meeting and Election of Officers 10:00 a.m. at Sweeney Post, A. L. 2:00 p.m. Monster Parade. 6:00 p.m., Annual Banquet, Sweeney Post, A. L. Tickets in registration envelope.

Every minute of the day will be taken with some activity too numerous to get together at this early date.

The following is a Statistical Review of the city of Manchester:

MANCHESTER
12 Years of Progress

Employment — Gain of 10,037 jobs or 44.0%
Reporting Units (Employing 4 or more) — A gain of 283 units or 39.1%
Employment Amoskeag Industrial Center—A gain of 6,112 jobs or 91.0%
Annual Payrolls — Gain of 217.7%
Net Effective Buying Income — $240,111,000
Savings Accounts — A gain of 107%
Bank Resources — A gain of 126%
Postal Receipts — A gain of 202.9%
Assessed Valuation — A gain of 25.3%
Automobile Registration — A gain of 45.3%
Dwelling Units — A gain of 16.1%
Electric Meters — A gain of 31%
Gas Meters — A gain of 23%
Telephones in Service — A gain of 89.5%
Water Meters — A gain of 22.5%

STATISTICAL REVIEW

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

POPULATION: Corporate City—82,732 (U.S. Census 1950)
Metropolitan area 88,370
Manchester has 15.5% of the state population.
Within a radius of 20 miles, there is more than 25% of the state population and within a radius of 45 miles, 65% of the state population.

AREA: 34.5 square miles

ALTITUDE: 209.5 feet

PARKS: 26, with 479,129 acres

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS: 27,192

LABOR FORCE: 40,000

INDUSTRY: Number of establishments, 226

RETAIL: Number of establishments, 1,052

CHURCHES: 50 buildings

TRADE: Territory (retail) serves well over 300,000 people within the trading area covering a radius of fifty miles. Jobbing territory serves entire state; population (1950 Census) 533,242.

TRANSPORTATION: Boston & Maine Railroad; Boston & Maine Transportation Company (bus service.) Northeast Airlines: Three round trips daily, direct to New York 85 minutes.

HOSPITALS: Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, Elliot, City Hospital, Veterans Hospital, Hillsborough County, Christina Parker House, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Maternity Hospital; 8 hospitals; 833 beds; 51 bassinets.

EDUCATION: Grade school buildings 48; high school buildings 9; business colleges 2; average number of pupils in public schools 7,057; number of pupils in parochial schools 9,032.

LIBRARIES: (PUBLIC): There are about 140,000 volumes in the city public library.

CITY STATISTICS: Total street mileage 250 (not including back streets); miles of gas mains 119.11; miles of sewers 175 plus 7.6 miles of storm drains. Capacity of water works reservoir (municipal), 39,000,000 gallons; daily average pump of 9,196,118 gallons, with 226.3 miles of mains and value of plant estimated at over $5,000,000. Fire Department employs 167 men with following motor equipment: five autos, twelve pumpers, three hose and chemical wagons, six hook and ladder trucks in ten station houses. Police department has 120 men with one station and twelve pieces of motor equipment, also boat, pulmotor and necessary equipment for drowning accidents.

Report of the Nominating Committee Y.D.V.A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 3, 1955 and selected the following candidates for election to office at the 36th Annual Meeting in Manchester, N. H., June 11, 1955.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

Honorary National Commander

Lt. General Williard S. Paul, Florida

National Commander

Clarence L. Anderson, Portsmouth, N. H.

National Chaplains

Father Francis X. Bransfield, Holbrook
Rev. Daniel W. Strickland, Florida

National Treasurer

Albert M. Pacifici, Boston

Assistant National Treasurer

William P. Coffey, Boston

National Judge Advocate

Lawrence Hammer, New York

Assistant National Judge Advocate

Howard W. Titus, Hartford

National Americanization Officer

Albert E. Lindgren, New Haven

National Service Officer

Dr. Joseph K. Surls, New York

Assistant National Service Officer

Matthew J. Ryan, Boston

National Historian

John J. Goss, Hartford

Assistant National Historian

Earl W. Eames, Boston

Hospitalization Officer

Francis C. White, Boston

National Vice Commander for Maine

National Vice Commander for New Hampshire

Charles V. Weaver, Manchester

National Vice Commander for Vermont

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts

Roy W. Reimer, Boston

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island

National Vice Commander for Connecticut

National Vice Commander for Department of the East

National Vice Commander for Department of Middle West

National Vice Commander for Department of Far West

Members at Large — National Executive Comm.

Walter B. Vickory, Rhode Island
Harold A. Nute, Mass.
Charles Bailey, New Hampshire
M. Justynowicz, East
William Connors, Mass.

The Nominating Committee have prepared and offer the following nominations for the proposed offices, subject to action of approval at Annual meeting. Above candidates respectfully submitted.

Michael P. O'Connor, (Chrmn)
John F. Bechard
Howard W. Titus
John J. Kelly
Richard H. Woodbury

YDVA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Manchester, N. H., May 15, 1955

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held at the Manchester Post A.L., Elm Street, Manchester, N. H.

The meeting opened at 3:05 P.M. with the salute to the colors. Past National Commander Michael O'Connor presided in the absence of National Commander Meikle who was taken ill on May 6th and has been in the Hospital since, but is slowly recovering.

PNC Jim Sullivan read the prayer.

National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as read.

National Treasurer Pacifici read a detailed report of the finances of the Association and they were accepted as read and placed on file.

Those present were National Treasurer, National Secretary, National Sergeant-at-Arms, At Large, Vickery and Anderson. Past National Commanders O'Connor and Sullivan. State Comm. Bedard, Reimer, Grandchamp. Chapter Comm., McDonald of Boston, Luscombe of Manchester. Guests: member of the Manchester Chapter.

Unfinished Business: Report on the placing of the wreath at the Cathedral of Pines, on Memorial Day. Anderson and Bedard will place the wreath.

Committee Reports — Convention: Dr. Brown reported on the Convention; Thursday night Party had been canceled on account of the very few registrations stating they would be in on Thursday, but there would be other events to take its place. Friday would start with the business meeting in the morning, Sightseeing trips and get-togethers in the afternoon and the Military Ball at night. Saturday, Business meeting and election of officers at 10:00 a.m. Parade in the afternoon and Banquet at night. Memorial Services on Sunday. Accepted as one of progress.

History: Sales are very good. Accepted as one of progress.

Nominating Committee error reported in National Judge Advocate should have been Lawrence Hammer with Howard Titus as Assistant.

An Amendment to the by-laws regarding who would preside in the event of the National Commander being absent: A Motion was made and seconded that the motion be accepted. An Amendment was made to the motion that the Amendment to the by-laws be referred back to the by-laws committee to be written. Amendment voted on and passed. This killed the original motion.

The names for Meritorious Certificates were given to the National Secretary. A motion was made, Seconded and Passed to accept the names as read.

It was suggested that each Chapter contact their local papers to get publicity on placing of the wreath at the Cathedral of Pines on Memorial Day by the New Hampshire State Department.

Commander of the State Dept. of Mass., announced that Sunday, June 5th the Dept. would hold their Annual Memorial Services at the Lynn quarters and place wreaths on the General Edwards bridge.

A Motion was made, Seconded and passed to revert back to Unfinished business. Under unfinished business, National Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard Titus read a communication from State Dept. Commander Lindgren of Connecticut in regard to expenditures of the money received from the State. The Communication read as follows: Al Lindgren has been able to obtain all records of the New Haven Convention and has checked all disbursements against receipts and has found nothing wrong but he has not as yet had a chance to draw up the report. He has managed to secure the books and reports of the Executive Committee and found everything all right, having gone over everything with the Convention Chairman, and will have a complete report on the 1953 Convention shortly.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the By-law committee I wish to t this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the m bers of the Association who served on the By-law C mittee. During the last year we held several meeting different States. I am also grateful for the confide the National Commander had in appointing me to full the mission.

The members of the Committee were:

John C. Carter, Hartford Chapter, Conn.
Walter Vickory, Chapter, R. I.
Homer W. Poirier, Chapter, R. I.
Rene Fontaine, Worcester Chapter, Mass.
P.N.C. Pete B. Bourget Prov. Chapter, R. I.

Thomas F. Crokan, Springfield Chapter, Chairman of the By-law Committee.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

This office will be open all day, on June 10 and 11, at the Manchester National Convention. The Registration Desk will be kept constantly informed as to the whereabouts of Connors or Surls.

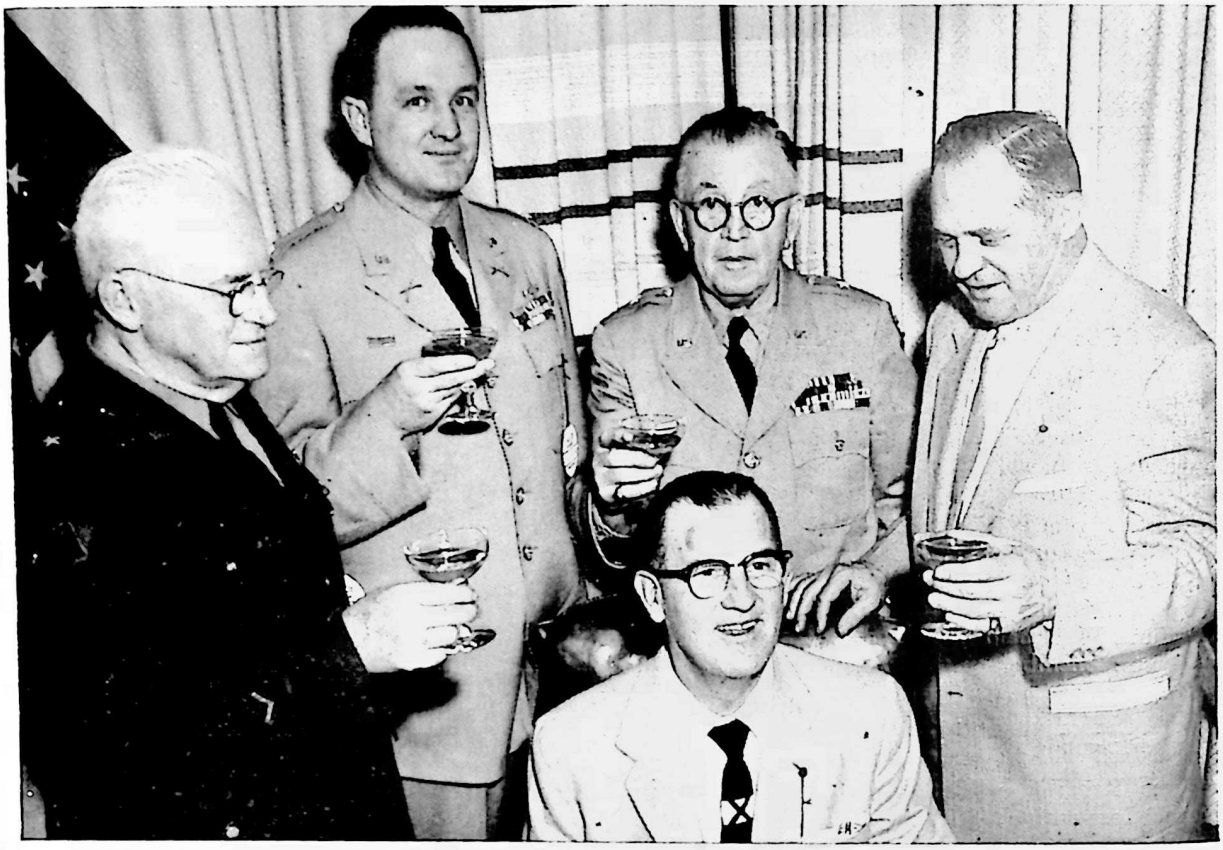
Bring your problems and let us talk them over personally. But be sure to file an application with the local V.A. office for whatever benefits you seek some time before the Convention. We are allowed to do this for you.

Also, bring any papers which may have a bearing on the matter.

See you at the Convention!

Joseph K. Surls, M.D.,
130 East End Ave., New York, 28, N. Y.

YD and 101st INFANTRY NIGHT AT RAYNHAM PARK



.eft to right: Brig. Gen. Vincent C. Breen, Colonel Richard P. Sullivan, Brig. Gen. William J. Blake, R. J. Novotny Assistant Administrator, Veterans Administration. Seated: S. Russell Murray.

On Friday night, April 22, 1955, the Yankee Division Veterans Association, in conjunction with the 101st Infantry Veterans Assccciation, served as hosts on the opening night at the dog track at Raynham Park, where Russ Murray, owner and General Manager, was being honored for his outstanding efforts on behalf of veterans and their families throughout the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The club house, the scene of activities, was respendent with beautiful bouquets of flowers wishing Russ a successful season. There were many trays of assorted hors d'œuvres, including shrimp with a tangy cocktail sauce, lobster tails, caviar, molded cheeses and innumerable other delicacies.

During the evening the famous Logan Duffy silver bowl was filled with champagne and Irish whiskey and the traditional toast to the departed comrades was made by Col. Richard P. Sullivan and everyone present also drank to the good health and success of the Yankee Division's one and only, Russ Murray.

Gen. Vincent C. Breen, D.S.C., served as General Chairman, ably assisted by George A. McDonald, President of the YD Club, and John A. Rogan, President of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association.

There were many distinguished invited guests, among whom were: Brig. Gen. William J. Blake, Manager, Boston Office of the Veterans Administration; R. J. Novotny, Assistant Administrator, Veterans Administration, Wash ington, D. C.; Vernon Hitchens, President of the Repub lican Club of Mass.; Charles Collatos, State Commander American Legion; William O'Hara, State Commander Disabled American Veterans; William Russell, State Com mander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Capt. Thomas Carty Ancient and Honorable Art. Co.; Edward "Smokey" Kel leher, President of the Gridiron Club; David Becker, Presi dent, Amputee Association; John E. Lawrence, Terrence J. Lomax, Jr., Allan M. MacLeod, Racing Commissioners James Walsh, Past National Commander, Legion of Valor Arthur Greene, double amputee, 101st Inf.; Col. Thomas Arnott, representing Col. Richard J. Quigley, WW II Commanding Officer, 101st Infantry, and many other guests, representing the Bristol County Veterans Associa tion, State Senators and Representatives, and other friends of Russ.

The Raynham Park enjoyed a wonderful nite in that it had the largest attendance, biggest handle and daily double for its opening nite. It was the consensus of opinion of all who attended that it was a terrific evening with nothing missing in the way of entertainment.

Once again, we want to thank our genial host, Russ Murray, for making such a night possible and his capable Lieutenant, William P. "Bucky" Coffey, for his cooperation and assistance.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO P.N.C. ALBERT HERMAN

More than 200 friends of Police Capt. Albert W. Herman, including members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, of which he is a past national commander, attended a testimonial dinner Sunday in the Elks' Home for the popular World War I hero, civic leader and capable police officer.

Speakers hailed him for his many good qualities and LeRoy D. Downs, former U. S. Congressman, summed up the attributes of the guest of honor by describing him as "A great soldier, a great hero and wearer of the Distinguished Service Cross, a great veteran always working in the best interests of veterans, a great servant of the people, and an outstanding citizen."

Mayor Irving C. Freese not only brought official greetings of the city to visiting guests and military dignitaries, but expressed the city's appreciation to Capt. Herman for accepting, along with his police duties, responsibility for administering and directing the vast Civil Defense program in Norwalk at a time that CD activities here were at their lowest ebb and required rejuvenation. The mayor credited Herman with creating an efficient Civil Defense organization.

Police Chief Max Orlins lauded him as an efficient, dependable police officer and said he was delighted that the Police Commission recently had elevated him to captain and second in command of the department. Orlins called him "deputy chief" and said the honored guest was loved and respected by the men of the Police Department as by the large crowd of YD members who came out to cheer him.

Police Commissioner Edward Ashbrook said it was Herman's administrative ability, efficiency in office and ability to get along with men that won him his latest promotion.

Brig. Gen. Ernest Novey, state director of Selective Service, and Howard Titus, YD national sergeant-at-arms, were among Herman's World War I buddies who came to honor him and speak of his achievements. Titus, speaking for James Meikle, national commander, who was not present because of illness, said Herman was "Mr. Y. D., himself."

He credited Herman with doing more for the Yankee Division Veterans Association than any other man.

Later, a delegation from New York city, headed by Harry Moore, commander, said Herman organized the New York chapter. Fred Brown, of the New York delegation, presented Herman with a past national commander's pin.

Atty. Richard Weinstein, commander of the Frank C. Godfrey Post, No. 12, of which Herman is a past commander, brought the compliments of the post and told off Herman's work and achievements for all veterans.

Albert A. Beres, commander of the Mulvoy-Tarlov-Aquino Post, V.F.W.; Frank Damato, commander, Moscariello-Cifatte Post, Italian-American War Veterans; Herman Poirier, past commander, Disabled American Veterans and Charles Post, past state commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were among other speakers.

Dr. Charles Sprague of Bridgeport, a YD leader and former member of the Veterans Home Commission, and Major Frank Minor, supervisor of the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital, described other achievements of the guest of honor on behalf of veterans.

Former State Police Lieut. Willard Bushey hailed Herman as a great soldier and like other members of the YD, said he served with Herman in the front-line trenches and found him respected by all men. He said as a platoon leader, Herman was fearless and took for himself the most difficult tasks. He said men loved to serve with him.

Registrar of Voters John A. Mills, a large delegation of past commanders of the American Legion, court officials and other dignitaries were called upon by Downs to take bows.

Actually, the affair was the 36th annual banquet of the Yankee Division Veterans Association commemorating the battle of Seichprey, in which the YD took such an active part. Herman was to be the guest of honor and the YD announced that the public could attend. The 200 available tickets were gobbled up soon after the announcement was made.

Gifts were presented to Herman by Major John Anderson, a committee member, and Cleveland Brown, commander of the local YD group and general chairman of arrangements. The invocation was given by Rev. Elmer D. Horstman, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

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13 May, 1955

Yankee Doings
Yankee Division Veterans Assoc.
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I was much interested in the account of Ralph Palladino in the latest issue about his well-deserved promotion.

Your readers will probably be interested to know that the 98th Infantry Division in upstate New York is headed by two Yankee Division veterans. The undersigned, World War I lieutenant in the 103 Field Artillery, commands the Division and the Assistant Division Commander is Brig. Gen. James C. Mott, World War II Executive 328th Infantry.

Yours very truly,

John W. Morgan,
Maj. Gen. USAR

Note: Commanding General C. L. Fox of the 91st Reserve Div. shown with Co. D. 102nd Inf. WW-I as a First Lieutenant.

A VERY INTERESTING LETTER
from Lt. Col. Albert J. McWade, 101st Inf., WW II

G-4 Div. Hqs. USAREUR-COMZ
APO 58 N. Y.
Orleans, France
Sunday, May 8, 1955
"St. Joan of Arc Day"

Dear John and Guy:

I sincerely hope that I do not offend you by making this a joint answer to the letters that both of you were so considerate to send to me, but at this moment, the opportunity to get off a few lines and the chance to kill two birds with one stone is too tempting . . . so here goes.

I imagine that a lot of people think it strange that I'm not heard from more frequently and in more channels. Honestly, I've been corresponding faithfully but only to my wife and the selected people with whom I have had unfinished business in the States. That in itself is a tremendous writing job especially for one like me who dislikes letter writing. I average about two letters a week to Anne. She is on her way over here next week so I have stopped writing in that direction and now I can pick up another channel and catch up on more of my responsibilities.

This job that I have is perhaps the biggest challenge I have ever had in my military experience. It is a tremendous world wide international undertaking. I am chief of the Plans Branch for the G-4 of the Communications Zone. You can imagine the scope of planning that get into if you have a small idea of what logistics includes an international level. At this stage of my life I kick yself in the pants for not having learned French and German in my earlier days when I had the chance to study. Most NATO problems today are being successfully solved but only after the most ardous efforts in overcoming the language barrier. This is the first time in history that a nation has had the opportunity to establish its lines of communications within the proposed theatre of operations before hostilities start. It is such preparations that make an aggressor force think twice before committing overt acts.

We feel here that because of our work the international tension has lessened and the probability of a hot war fades as our position improves. Undoubtably those forces that sought our overthrow are clandestinely watching our daily activities and becoming convinced that violence would exact a terrible price — one that they do not care to pay. I wish that the same could be said of the Chinese Communists. You can readily see that there having been no precedents established we find it difficult to establish programs that can be anchored on solid experience factors. We lean heavily on WW II experiences and where they are lacking we have a very aggressive and imaginative CG and Chief of Staff to nail the loose ends down. The things that we develop here will surely be the policies and procedures that will guide our future logisticians.

France in the peace time role as a sovereign nation supporting a prepartive program is certainly not the girl that you and I knew. The French know the Americans better than the average American knows himself. In conjunction with the Benelux countries they have developed a very healthy economy and are flourishing like wild flowers with the help of American requirements and the increasing international trade. France does not want to lose any posture in the "Far East" of Africa that would in any way effect her blossoming trade. Consequently we see her persistently resisting any efforts to diminish her degree of Colonialism. Like England, she needs her colonies to maintain her cultural level. Here at home the people are very social minded and their entire government is predicated on the rights of the people. They have social security and social structures that are much more intimate than ours and as a result the people can take the government apart at any time that they choose.

And as you know, they seem to have done this quite frequently. As a result, an air of individual independence is apparent and the efforts expended towards any venture lack the vim and enthusiasm that we expect to see in similar American ventures. They have borrowed many of our indiscreet tricks. When they deal with an American who is looking for a house to rent they charge him triple what they would normally charge another Frenchman. We pay on the average of $200.00 per month for very low quality small apartments. The same would cost a Frenchman not more than $80.00. They have all our catalogues and price lists, and all charges for services or parts are slightly higher than State-side. For example, I pay $18.00 per month to rent a poorly operating second-hand refrigerator. To replace an idler arm on my car costs $15.00 where as the same job in the States cost me $4.25. So you see that in some cases where they know that they are the only source of service they are way out of line.

This is definitely not an anti-American effort. This is the French entrepreneur at work. Make hay while the sun shines. They are continually devising means to beat their own government. We pay our rent in cash and they give us a receipt for only half of the amount so that the taxes will be that much less. Yet a Frenchman does not hesitate to jump on his government's back when he needs relief or assistance. He demands extensive police and traffic control. He expects to be supported if he is out of work. It is a land of quack lawyers and ambulance chasers. The slightest little brush and you have a lawyer calling on you. If you want to buy choice cuts of meat you have to take the poor cuts along with it. A bottle of mediocre beer in a night club in Paris costs $3.00, plus a cover charge of $6.00 to see a very ordinary floor show in French written to support French humor, which is, as you know, a little flat. Most Frenchmen do not trust their own franc or their banking system. They try to deposit the bulk of their savings outside the country, preferably in America or Switzerland.

All this is not in complaint of the way of life or aimed at the Frenchman. After all, this is their country and they do have a sovereign state and we are only here at their invitation. Their government is very sincere and trys sincerely to overcome any unfairness that they can control. They are cooperative and very intelligent. W

work well together. In fact, they, the government representatives, give you the feeling that you are part of their family and they are very frank in making suggestions and developing the "we" aspect of the organization. The government unfortunately is not as strong as the people, and occasionally succumbs to individual idiocyncracies.

As long as I have sufficient funds to meet the demands I have no personal feelings against the merchant. I harbor a guilty feeling as I watch them operating and see the tactics used that are common to any Main St. in America. During austere times we Americans are the first to profit on our brothers' predicament. I remember the new car rackets, the liquor deals, the high rents in the overpopulated districts, etc. So why criticize the Frenchman. Greed is a human failing and will always continue to be as long as there are ambitious people . . . and without ambitious people progress is impossible.

From your letters, the report on the history sounds fine. I would certainly appreciate a copy of it and I think that several of the people that I run into will be interested in getting their copies. I have already met a sergeant from the 104th who showed considerable interest and I told him that he could look at the one that I would be getting and if satisfied could order through me.

Would you be kind enough to tell Eddie Kane that I think of him frequently and mean to take time out and write to him to describe some of my activities and to let him know that I arrived in Europe the day after he and the Ancients left England on their way back. I had expected that I would meet them when I arrived but such was not meant to be. The Ancient still have my address as New Hampshire and all my mail is being forwarded from there. Will you drop them a change of address for me and also make a change in the YD address system.

Today is St. Joan of Arc Day and tomorrow is VE Day so the weekend will be quite festive and everyone is involved one way or another in gala celebrations. In Orleans, the people are very sincere about their martyr, St. Joan, and really go all out. Orleans is dressed in her Sunday best and is one huge splash of vivid colors.

Well so much for now I've just about run out of news so I'll close and plan to write again in the near future. Hoping that this letter finds you all in the best of health and that Guy has completely recovered from his operation, I'll say the best to you all at home.

Al McWade

YDVA NATIONAL CONVENTION MANCHESTER, N. H. JUNE 9-10-11-12

TRIP TO WASHINGTON CHAPTER

The National Commander and National Secretary had been planning for some time to go to Washington to try and reorganize the Chapter there. On Friday May 6th, I boarded the plane for Washington, expecting to pick up Commander Meikle when we stopped in Hartford. On arrival in Hartford an Airline official came aboard and asked for me and stated that under Doctor's orders the National Commander could not make the trip.

Continuing on the flight I was met in Washington by Raymond Queenin, a Past Commander of the Washington Chapter and he drove me to the Hotel where we had reservations. On arriving at the hotel I started to get telephone calls from former members of the Chapter who had received a letter from me. That evening the following dropped in to talk over the situation: General Paul who agreed that the Chapter should be reorganized; Hugh Bushell, although a member of the New York Chapter said he would assist in any way he could. Hugh is from the 101st and 328th WW II. Eric Stearns who has always been a member since the start and kept his membership up after the Chapter lagged. Joe Jordan who is recovering from a serious operation and was anxious to get going once more. Arthur Robitaille the hard working Past Secretary and Commander was ready to work again. Timothy Mulcahy a former Boston member who is now retired from WW II and living near Washington was ready to help out. Earl Hart who was a charter member of the Cleveland Chapter now residing in Washington was enthusiastic about the Chapter.

A call was received from Levi St. Peter from Leesburg, Va., saying that he had missed Yankee Doings and had spoken to two other fellows who wanted to help out. Talked with Carl Redinger on the phone and he agreed to act as Secretary once more. General Paul said he would take the Commander's job for a year. Nate Golden was in Europe, but know he will be anxious to help out. Byron Carson was in Florida and several others were out of the city, but it was a good start and think the Chapter will get back on its feet and function again with a good membership.

Also talked with Ed Stanulis our former Historian and Lt. Col. John G. C. Brown who has been a great help to us on the History and other problems could not get over to the Hotel but promised to do what he could.

The flight back was uneventful and on arriving back called National Commander Meikle and learned thru his son that he was still in bed. But today two weeks after, find thru talking with his wife that today he got up and dressed, which is good news and hope that this is the turning point and that he will be recovering very fast.

Good luck to a large and active Chapter in "Washington."

Guy Watts, *Sec.*

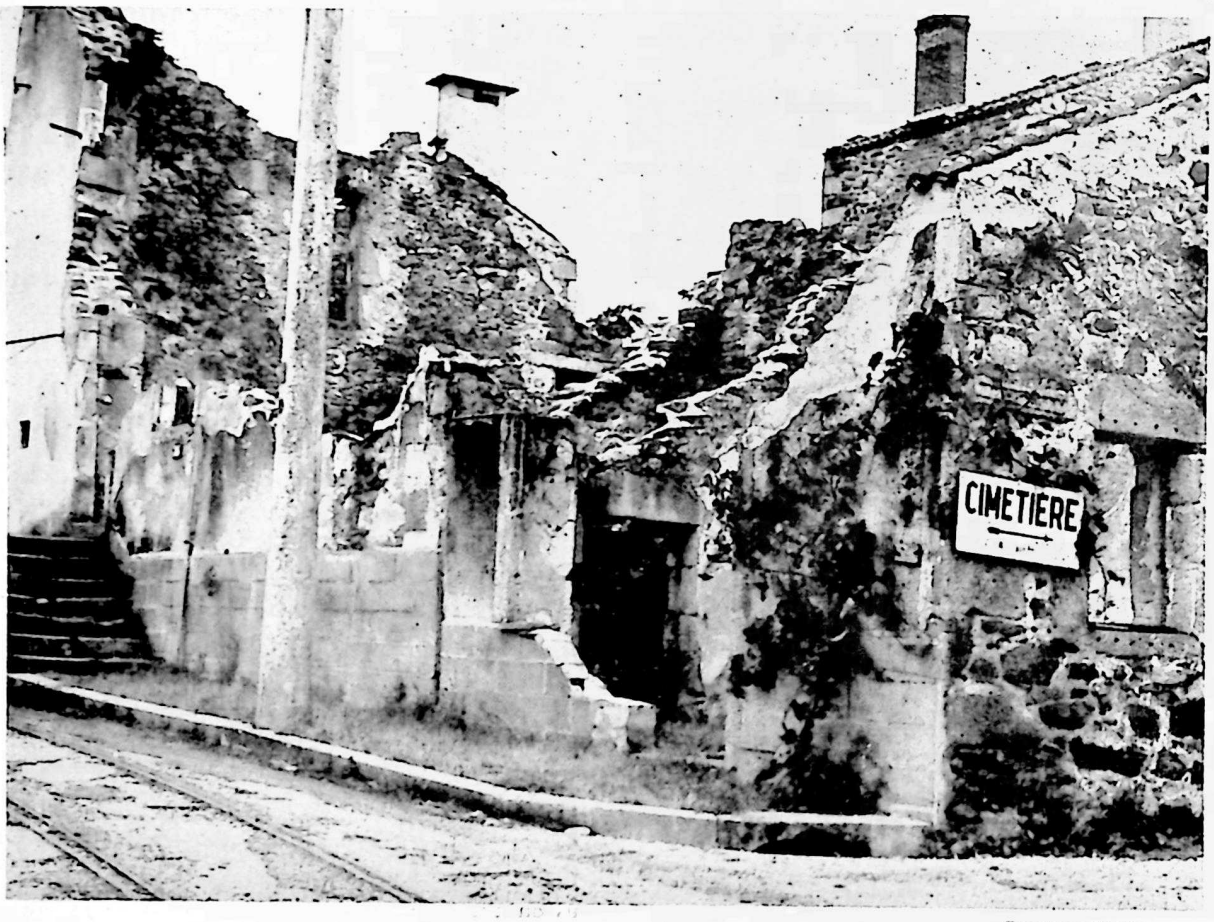
VAGABONDS MOTORING THROUGH EUROPE

by

Newton S. Courtney (Member Lynn Chapter)

The following day we really found out the meaning of Bastille Day. Outside of the hotel we found an American family who had just arrived from Spain and only had American Express checks with which to pay the bills. The hotel clerk would only give them 250 francs to the dollar — a loss of 100 francs — because he explained that the banks would be closed at least three days and he couldn't cash them until then. The family was anxious to leave for Paris, but didn't want to stand a loss of nearly one-third in the exchange of currency. Since we had plenty of French francs obtained in New York before we sailed at the rate of 406 to the dollar we agreed to give them enough to pay their bill at the rate of 400 to the dollar. Since they saved something like ten dollars, they most graciously accepted our offer much to the displeasure of the clerk who had planned to make a few bucks for himself. We tried to find a gas station, but found them all closed — holiday again. At the Gendarmerie we were given the address of a couple of stations that were open and filled up, once again giving military coupons obtained from the Army. The Army has arrangement in France whereby all Esso stations accept their coupons.

We had detoured several hundred miles to visit Oradour-sur-Glane — known as the "Lidice of France." A terrible tragedy took place in this little town just four days after D Day. Because of the momentous events taking place in Normandy and Britainy at that particular time the press failed to give the Murderous action much, if any publicity. The tragedy has been rated by many writers as "the most terrible mistake of the war." Oradour is about twenty kilometers from Limoges and when we were about half way there we noted large signs along the roadside about every three or four kilometers that read in large letters "Oradour-sur-Glane — SOUVIENS-Toi — REMEMBER." As we approached the town we noted two large iron gates closed so that vehicles could not enter

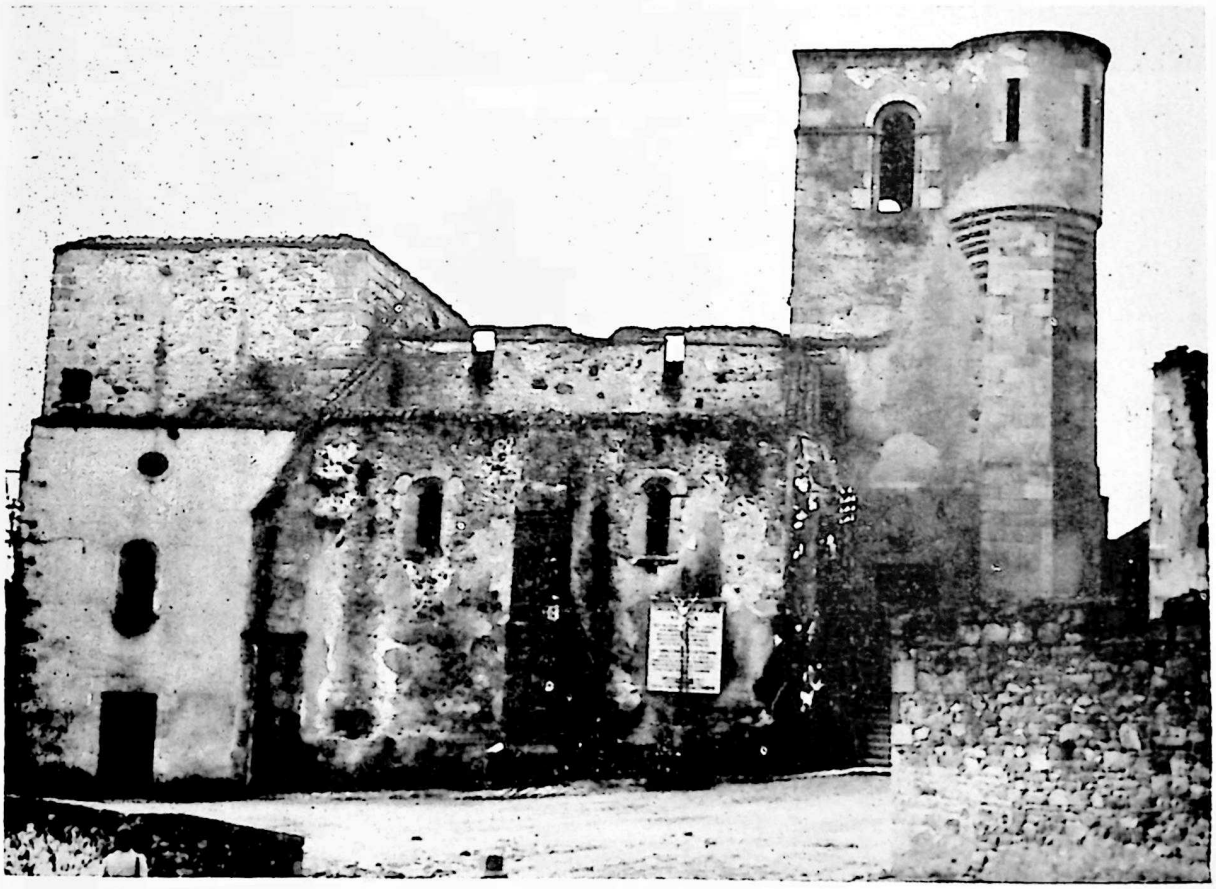


—Courtney Photo

The main street of Oradour-sur-Glane — note the street car rails still in place and the ruins left for future generations to see and realize the full extent of Nazi fury and brutality.

the main street. Beside the gates were large "blown up" pictures in glass cases taken by the French as they found the town after the Germans had left. In a small house we found the caretaker and he told us the horrible story. According to him there is another town named Oradour-sur-VAYRE about ten kilometer distant from Oradour-sur-Glane. This other town had given the German occupation troops considerable trouble burning vehicles and shooting and killing German officers and men. It was also a hiding place for troops of the Maquis that were particularly active in that area. Many arrests had been made and some of the prisoners had been executed. On D-Day four high ranking German officers had been shot and killed in Oradour-sur-Vayre. On the 10th of June 1944 a company of German infantry was dispatched in trucks from Limoges to punish the people of Oradour-sur-VAYRE for these murders." For some reason, never explained they arrived at Oradour-sur-Glane at about ten o'clock in the morning. According to the caretaker, the townspeople were not excited as German troops had been there many times before and searched the town for arms and ammunition, but had never found anything that was forbidden. Nor had any German troops ever been molested near this town. The Germans detrucked and stood around in groups talking among themselves, while the townspeople went about their usual morning business.

Shortly before noon two young cyclists from a nearby town rode into the main street and were ordered to dismount by an officer. They were a boy and girl of about 17 years of age. Without further questioning the officer told them to stand against the wall of a building and ordered two of his men to shoot them, which they did. This caused some of the townspeople to protest their murder to the officer in charge. He called his troops to attention and ordered the arrest of every man, woman and child in the town. The women and children were placed in the church, while the men were taken to a garage and warehouse. The town had a population of about 500 women, 400 children and 700 men. The men were taken out in groups of ten by various squads of soldiers, lined against the walls and shot. The women within the church heard much shouting and the shots, but never dreamed that their men were being murdered in cold blood. After a while the shouting and shooting stopped and at about two o'clock in the afternoon the doors of the church opened and the women thought that they were to be set



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The church of Oradour where all the women and children of Oradour met death by burning and shooting — except one. Mme Rouffanche jumped from a rear window and witnessed the burning of the town from the woods across the street. She was the only eye witness to the horror left alive and identified many of the Germans who stood trial in Bordeaux last year.

—Courtney Photo

The grave of 16 year old Bernadette Cordeau, murdered by the Germans on 10 June 1944 at Oradour-sur-Glane

—Courtney Photo

These are the graves of people known to have been alive in Oradour the day the Germans wiped it out, but whose bodies were never found. These monuments are erected to their memory.

free. A squad of soldiers entered carrying straw, wooden furniture and other material which they piled high in the center of the church. Other squads entered carrying cans of gasoline which they sprinkled over the piled debris. A torch was set to the pile and the Germans beat a hasty retreat and closed the doors. Many women had babes in their arms and all started screaming to be let go. Many tried to jump from the windows and were shot as soon as they appeared.

After setting fire to the church the Germans put the entire town to the torch and departed believing that there wasn't a single witness living to their murderous assault on this helpless town. However, they had not figured with fate, for there was a witness — just one. Forty year old Mme Rouffanche had escaped from a rear window of the church when she had been first placed there and before the Germans had guards in the rear. She ran across the street unseen and hid in the woods until the Germans departed. She now resides in the new town of Oradour-sur-Glane five kilometers to the north. She was the only eye witness at the trial of the officers and men of this company which was held in Bordeaux early in 1953. Many of the officers were executed and most of the men received long terms in jail. There is one other living resident of old Oradour. He is eight year old Roger Godfrin, who was kept from school and sent to a dentist in a nearby town that day. He returned home after the Germans had left and he also lives in the new Oradour.

The old town will never be rebuilt and the French government has made a national shrine of the place. The dead are buried in the cemetery at the edge of the town and in the temporary church there is a glass covered coffin containing the bones that were never identified. The French have left the signs of business places just as they found them, many of them charred from the flames. Burned automobiles are seen exactly where they were parked the day the Germans arrived. At various places are signs with the names of the men who were shot there. The mayor of the town offered himself and his two sons, one the doctor of the village as hostages when the Germans began arresting the townspeople, but they were seized and shot on the spot. A large monument is erected in the cemetery to their memory.

Walking through these streets of tragedy we had hardly noticed that the rain was now coming down in torrents. Slowly we got into the car and headed back for Limoges. Hardly a word was spoken on the trip back, but I am sure that we were all thinking the same thing — "how lucky we were to have been born an American in America."

This conclude this series.

—Courtney Photo

Another view of Oradour-sur-Glane showing how completely the Germans wiped the town off the face of the earth

MONSIGNOR OSIAS BOUCHER

To the thunder of artillery, the crack of infantry rifles, and the roar of U. S. Air Force planes flying overhead, all of which he knew so well, Rt. Reverend Monsignor Osias Boucher was laid to rest in Notre Dame Cemetery at Fall River on Monday, May 16.

He was one of the most courageous and beloved Chaplains in World War I. After the cessation of hostilities in 1918, he served with distinction with the Massachusetts National Guard, and during World War II he was made Division Chaplain of the Second Division of the Massachusetts State Guard.

His death in his 75th year saddened thousands, and his funeral was attended by hundreds of military and religious representatives. He was eulogized at a Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Fall River, of which he had been the Pastor for many years, by the Most Reverend Bishop James L. Connolly, his Superior in the Catholic Church. Bishop Connolly called him a "great, gallant soldier and a valiant, faithful servant of God."

The present and former Officers of the Yankee Division were led in procession by Major General Thomas F. Foley, his former Commanding General and Major General William H. Harrison, the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Among the large group of Clergymen who attended the funeral and who chanted the services at the grave were over 40 young priests who had assumed the taking on of Holy Orders under the guidance and direction of Monsignor Boucher. Large delegations of the Yankee Division Veterans Association and of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association attended and marched behind the caisson-borne casket from the Church and through the cemetery to the grave. Troops from the National Guard, stationed in Fall River, made up the Honor Guard.

General William J. Blake, who had served in war time and in the National Guard with Monsignor Boucher, presented the national colors which draped the casket to Monsignor Boucher's brother, Mr. Ulrich Boucher of New Bedford, after the sounding of "Taps."

Monsignor Boucher was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor by France for his courageous service in World War I, and attained the rank of Brigadier General in our State Forces at the time of his retirement.

He was born in St. Madeleine, Quebec, was ordained in 1911 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, served first in parishes in New Bedford and later in Fall River, and from 1926 until his retirement in 1951, he was the Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in that city.

Monsignor Boucher was loved by the men of his old regiment, the 101st Infantry, whose custom it was each year to make a pilgrimage to his Church in Fall River or have him as their guest and celebrant of the Mass in Boston, Worcester, or Medford, on Armistice Sunday and for breakfast after the Mass to pay tribute to him.

His passing is a great loss to the Officers and men of the Yankee Division, as well as to the veterans of the 101st Infantry.

Special Masses were said for him for the children and the members of his parish preceding the Military Mass on Monday. They, too, will miss him greatly, as well as the citizens of Fall River which he served devotedly in various voluntary civic capacities.

MSGR. BOUCHER'S MESSAGE TO HIS BELOVED COMRADES

The beloved Rt. Rev. Msgr. Osias Boucher, who so endeared himself to the hearts of fighting men of the Yankee Division in World War I, left a final statement to the men of the 101st Infantry WW I.

Realizing that the end was near, Msgr. Boucher included the following statement in his last will and testament:

"To my beloved Comrades:

"My farewell to them is:

"Carry on, be alert. Have a one right, loving and fearing conscience. By all means, shun the double conscience which is the sad plague of our days.

"Never lose sight of the fact that the Christian moral is one and indivisible because it is based on God's laws. So what is right in private life is also right in public life, and vice versa: what is wrong in public life is also wrong in private life.

"Never violate these sacred principles. They have been given to guide you in your daily actions, both private and public. Even when there is a material advantage at stake, you must always respect these God-given principles.

"Be true disciples of the Divine Master. Have a strong faith in Him. That will carry you safely to the eternal glory.

"Finally, have a thought for me in your daily prayers."

Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting Yankee Division Veterans Association

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Association will convene at the Sweeney Post, Manchester, N. H., Friday, June 10th, 1955 to transact any and all business which may properly come before the legislative body of the Association.

Any person eligible to active membership whose dues shall have been received prior to the opening of said Convention shall be entitled to one vote on any question to come before the Convention.

H. Guy Watts
National Secretary

James F. Meikle
National Commander

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: James F. B. Meikle, RFD 1, Unionville, Conn.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander: Roy W. Reimer, 39 Brookdale Rd., Brighton, Mass.
Secretary: Earl W. Eames, 206 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton, Mass.

The May meeting of the Mass. Dept. of YDVA was held at the Old High School, Headquarters of the YD Club of Northampton on Sunday, May 1, 1955. Reports from all chapters present showed that wherever you live, YD lives also. The attendance was surprisingly large, for the distance was great, and the weather, marvelous.

Commander Reimer spoke at length of the fact that our friend "Guy" at National Headquarters is waiting patiently for the members dues for 1955-56. Roy urges all members to bring in a member and see YDVA grow.

Chapter delegates, all reported of the progress they were making, in hospital, child welfare and general social work in their respective communities, and several members mentioned the names of late comrades, and their attendance at their Burial Services.

A great deal of time and effort has been spent by your Dept. Commander and his committee, for the YD Memorial Services to be held the first Sunday in June, first at the quarters of the Lynn chapter, Broad St., and then the trip to Daddy Edwards Bridge, where a wreath will be placed at each end, with taps, sounded by three young men from the DAV Band of the Charlestown chapter. Our Dept. thanks to Sgt.-at-arms Al Reilly of Boston YD who is also a DAV comrade over near Bunker Hill.

The Department urges all YD men and their families to attend these Memorial Services in Lynn. The old Yankee Division never had any slackers, and let's prove it is still true at these exercises. If you have uniforms or berets, please wear them. Services at Lynn chapter 2:30 p.m. sharp, Sunday, June 5th.

Tuesday, May 17, 1955 Lynn chapter will be installed by the Dept. Commander and his suite. Remember the National Convention at Manchester, N. H. in June. These are, musts, get there early; pay Guy your dues, register, meet the old gang and the younger buddies, raise holy hades, but remember your manners.

The Department meeting will be held September 10, 1955, 4 p.m., Saturday rain or shine at Northampton. Banquet to be held on same evening to Past Dept. Commander of the auxiliary, Stella Lavalle. Show up and give this lovely lady a vote of appreciation, for work well done.

The writer also wishes to thank another great Past Dept. Aux. Commander, we all know and love her, for her many years of unselfish work throughout the State, a true YD person, in every manner; none other than Catherine Reimer of the Boston Auxiliary. Wherever goes Roy, so goes Kate.

Haverhill has invited the Department to hold their October meeting in their fair city and we accepted. Thanks Perry.

Last but not least, your Secretary urges each and every Yankee Division veteran of all wars, that on May 30th when you arise, get on your knees, thank God your alive and say a little prayer of sincerity and appreciation for the souls of your departed comrades. May God have mercy on them.

Earle W. Eames, *Secretary*

BOSTON CHAPTER

Commander: George A. McDonald
200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Club is a very busy place these days with meetings in most every room some nights, dancing on the first floor every Friday and Saturday evenings. The Monthly Smokers are not as well attended as we would like to have them and hope that more will turn out in the future. Had a good attendance at the YD Night at Russ Murray's Raynham Dog track on the opening night. Russ ordered fifty (50) Histories to be presented to Gen. Wm. Blake for all the V.A. Hospitals in the New England area. Colonel Richard Quigley, present Commanding Officer of the 101st Infantry Mass. N. G., ordered twenty-three (23) for the different companies of the regiment.

A YD Placque was presented to Rudolph King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles of Mass. on Tuesday, May 17th at the Registrar's Office. Those present were Commander George McDonald, Past Commander William Connors, Sr. Vice Commander William Coffey, Jr. Vice Commander Albert McPhee and Secretary H. Guy Watts.

The May Smoker was the best attended smoker of the year and there was a varied entertainment of popular movies and refreshments were served during the Smoker.

A small group got together at Father Bransfield's house to talk over membership and the good Father got quite a kick when the Secretary only had a glass of Ginger Ale. He stated that he thought it could never happen.

Many of the members have registered for the Convention and Boston should be well represented. From the last reports lots of work is being done on the Convention and it looks like a bang-up time.

FITCHBURG CHAPTER

Commander — Alfred Provencial
227 Madison St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest F. George
100 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Our April meeting, Installation of Officers and Annual Banquet, was attended by a record gathering of veterans of both wars. The dinner consisted of roast turkey and baked ham and all the fixings. Served by our able committee: Bryce, Godin, O'Brien, Provencial, Ruberti, Hughes, Sherrin and H. Beer. Many thanks for a job well done to you, and all others who helped to make this party the most successful, both socially and financially. We came out on top.

Many thanks to Past National Commander and his able assistant, Past State Commander of New Hampshire, respectively Mike Del Isola and John Chesson, for your visit to our Chapter and the able way you installed our officers.

Our newly installed officers are: Commander, Alfred Provencial; Sr. Vice Commander, Wilfred Deloge; Jr. Vice Commander, Waldo Manning; Secretary, Ernest F. George; Treasurer, Robert O'Brien; Chaplain, Arthur Gagne; Trustees, Elvio Ruberti, Harold Beer, Harry Chambers, Arthur Robichaud and Victor Bean.

Following the installation, a series of movies were shown, on sports, science and industry, that held everyone's attention, especially interesting was the broad jump competition, I heard some of the boys tried it and came up lame the next day. You retreads ought to know better at your age, your ankles are not as firm as they used to be, so leave that to the young bucks.

Other movies on the workings of precision instruments, and pearl diving in the South Seas was also very interesting, and many others.

The round table boys got started late, but finished early — in the morning. Some went home loaded, I mean the winners. I don't know who took 'the Tickler' home but we saw him the next day, and he looked O.K.

We are now looking forward for our annual Mothers' Day Party, May 7th at the Clover Hill Club. While the boys don't go for Auxiliary, they have to give them a party, God bless them, so they will let them out, meeting nights. The committee for this party, Elvio Ruberti, Wilfred Deloge, and Alflred Provencial offer of the High School Band to join us.

It was voted to purchase 1000 Pledges to Our Flag, to be distributed to our school children, by the Fitchburg Veterans' Council.

Dues are coming in pretty fast, have you sent yours in yet? If not DO IT NOW!

—Ernie.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE,

JULY 20th, 1955

LYNN CHAPTER

Commander: Robert B. Hurley
12 West Baltimore St., Lynn, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
44 Bowler St., Lynn, Mass.

Our annual election was held April 26th and Robert Hurley who served with Battery A, 102nd F. A., WW I, was elected Commander and we should have a good year as Bob is a real hard worker. Edward Nicholson was elected Senior Vice Com. and Leon Denis elected Junior Vice Com.; Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette, 28th term; Secretary, Edmond Trudell; Chaplain, Walter Smith; Sergeant-at-Arms, William Eddows; Historian, Leon Varnam; Trustee Trust Fund, Thomas Curran; Executive Committee, Charles Benway, Edwin Streeter, Leslie Pugh, Edward Saulnier, Christian Schacht and Charles Scanlon.

Installation will be held at Y.D. Hall, 117 Broad St., Lynn on May 17th and State Com. Roy Reimer will be the installing officer assisted by Al Riley.

We will hold our Annual Hospital Fund Tag Day on July 29th with William Eddows in charge, assisted by Commander Hurley, Claude Hoag, Oliver Nichols, Ed. Trudell, Charles Benway, Edward Saulnier, Leonard Burnham, Charles Scanlon, Ray Doucette, Ed. Nicholson, Leon Denis, Leslie Pugh, Dick Hennessey and Eustis Grimes.

Sam Colby, one of our new members was at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital recently but is out and around again and looks good.

Our membership drive is in full swing and we hope to top last year by plenty. A. Raymond Doucette once again has charge of drive, ably assisted by Oliver Nichols, Leon Denis, Claude Hoag, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Leander Maes, Leon Varnam, William Roome, Edwin Streeter, William Eddows, Charles Benway and Commander Robert Hurley and S.V.C. Edward Nicholson.

—The Duke

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Angelo M. Curto
24 Crystal Ave., Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: William A. Accorsi
28 Saratoga St., Springfield, Mass.

Just a final report for 1954-55 of our Chapter.

This past year we moved to our new quarters and later secure two additional rooms for our Auxiliary. Our thanks to the gang that did the work.

April 16th, we held a joint meeting with the Auxiliary and believe it or not their attendance was greater than ours.

April 16th, the annual election was held and the following were nominated to office: Commander, Angelo M. Curto, WW II, and a hustler; Sr. Vice Commander, James J. Geary; Jr. Vice Commander, William J. McCormick and Albert Bergeron, both WW II; Treasurer, Benjamin Johnson; Secretary, William A. Accorsi; Chaplain, Earl H.

Winkley; Historian, Augustino B. Salli, W II; Judge Advocate, John B. Hourihan, serving his first term in the City council; Board of Directors, William G. Fisher, Hugo M. Scagliarini, WW II; John L. Lowe, Roswell F. Patch, Robert L. Beach, Dennis J. Brunton and Thomas F. Crokan. May 6th was set for the election but this notice was sent in so as to appear in the Convention issue of the Doings.

Bob. Beach is Chairman of the Installation Committee which was held June 4th in the Mahogany Room of the Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The Committee held a Barnyard whist May 10th which was very successful and the net take went to the Installation Committee for the expense account.

The April meeting of the National Executive Committee was held in our club rooms and was fairly well attended.

Our membership went up 22.5% and could have reached 100 if everyone would contact that Buddy that lives on his street. Sure it does take some effort but that is the way to get them. A good thing to remember is that cooperation, friendly attitude and constructive critics will result in an active and increasing membership. Our Honor Roll Drive is expected to be better this year than last.

On May 30th the chapter took part in the Memorial Day Parade and a lunch was served after, in the G.A.R. Hall for all those who took part.

If we cannot give a Buddy a boost . . . Well don't knock him. You can always catch more flies with honey than with vinegar, so when you find a willing worker help him. If we all play ball together we will accomplish more and to the satisfaction of all concerned. So with this final copy for the Doings as the year draws to a close, I hope to see you all at the Big Time in Manchester.

T. F. Crokan

WORCESTER CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph F. Maynard
429 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Sheldon L. Goodwin
3 Allen St., Worcester, Mass.

At a special meeting of Cub Scout Pack No. 61, held on Thursday evening, March 31st, at 7:30 P.M., Past Commanders Harold Nute and Henry Contois presented a new U. S. flag to Mr. Benjamin Martin, Chairman of the Pack Committee. This pack is at the All Souls Universalist Church, which is in the vicinity of the YD clubhouse; and the flag will be for the use of the Cubs at their meetings in the future. Mr. Robert Keogh, the Cubmaster, expressed his appreciation for the gift from Worcester Chapter, and there was a great round of applause by scouts and parents, following the presentation.

Worcester chapter has recently gained another WW II member, in the person of Vaughn Garabedian, of Shrewsbury, Mass., through the efforts of our new Chaplain John Judge, also a WW II veteran. Mr. Garabedian joined the chapter in early March. There is a chance that we may have more WW II veterans joining the chapter soon.

With a catered chicken dinner, to precede it, Worcester Chapter and its Auxiliary unit held another joint installation this year . . . on Sunday April 24th . . . the dinner being held at one o'clock. Members of the Auxiliary donated their services as waitresses namely: Mrs. Bertha Fahey, Mrs. Winnifred McInnis, Mrs. Nora Johnson, and Mrs. Sue Naponen. They did a very commendable job. Harold Gould, who is now State Dept Chaplain, gave a brief invocation before the start of the dinner.

Following the dinner, out-going Commander Roland Cook, (after a brief intermission), opened the special meeting with the salute to the colors, and a short prayer by Chaplain Henry Contois. Then after a motion by Past Comm. Harold Nute, and seconded by John Fahey to have business suspended; Commander Cook requested his Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph Asselta, to bring forward State Dept. Commander Roy Reimer and his Sgt.-at-Arms Alfred Riley, both of Boston. Commander Reimer, of the State Dept., had been previously requested by Chapter Commander-Elect Joseph Maynard, to install the new officers of Worcester chapter, on this date.

Officers who were installed by State Commander Reimer, were the following: Commander, Joseph Maynard; Sr. Vice Commander, Edward Premo; Jr. Vice Commander, Harold Gould; Chaplain, John Judge; Treasurer, Archie McInnis; Sgt-at-Arms, Henry Contois; Adjutant, Sheldon Goodwin; Historian, Harold Nute, and on the Executive Committee, but not installed are: Joseph Asselta, Francis Berthiaume, Henry Contois, Harold Esip Joseph Fontaine, George Gaumond, Leonard Johnson, ar George Sloan. After the installation, newly-installed Wo cester Commander Joseph Maynard expressed his thanks tc the State Commander and his Sgt.-at-Arms for performing the ceremony; and also his thanks to invited guests and members or friends, who were in attendance at the dinner and the installation. He then turned the program over to Auxiliary President Florence Gould. State Dept. President Signe Nute was to conduct the installation of the women officers, with the aid of her Sgt.-at-Arms, Sue Naponen. The three main officers of the Auxiliary to be installed, were: Pres., Florence Premo; Sr. Vice Pres., Nora Johnson, and Jr. Vice Pres., Florence Goodwin.

At the close of the joint installation, Commander Maynard asked Past Comdr. Harold Nute, to act as 'Emcee' . . . and to introduce the special guests. He started with the pianist for the ceremonies, namely: Mrs. Gertrude Eames, wife of the State Dept. Secretary, Earle Eames, of Boston, followed by Past Natl. President., Irene Melville, of Boston; Past Natl. Sgt-at-Arms, Lillian McGonigle, of Boston; Natl. Jr. Vice Pres., Katherine Reimer, and State Dept. Sr. Vice Pres., Hazel Riley, both of Boston; Pres., Miss Julia Gioch, of Springfield Aux., Mrs. Agnes Gioch, (her mother), a Gold Star Mother, also from Springfield; Pres. Ruth Parks, of Gloucester Aux.; Commander William Doucette of Gloucester Chapter; Frank Parks, Past Comm. of Gloucester Chapter; Commander Peter Balice, of Northampton Chapter, and who is also our State Dept. Jr. Vice Commander for 1955-56; State Dept. Service Officer for the Aux., Grace O'Connor, of Northampton. And of course, one of the Old Faithfuls, at Worcester in-

stallation, Past Natl. Commander Michael P. O'Connor, who wished the new Worcester Commander, great success; and gave a brief talk on the 'latest' in YDVA.

NOTE—Previous to the introduction of State Dept. Commander Roy Reimer, 'Emcee' Harold Nute unveiled the picture of Roland Cook, the out-going commander; which will stay in place with all other past chapter commanders on the front wall of the main meeting room of the Worcester quarters.

When he finished with all introductions of special guests, MC Harold Nute wished Commander Maynard the best of luck, and introduced the wife of the new commander, Mrs. Anne Maynard, who is a member of the Worcester Auxiliary. Mr. Nute then asked Aux. Pres., Florence Gould, to proceed with her special meeting and installation, of the women officers. When the women's end of the program ended; newly-installed President Florence Premo thanked the State Dept. President, Mrs. Signe Nute and her Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Sue Naponen for their fine work . . . and went ahead with the annual affair of gift presentations within the Auxiliary unit only.

Coffee and doughnuts were served, following the gift presentations by the Auxiliary unit, under Past Pres. Florence Gould, and the new president, Florence Premo.

Past Commanders Edward (Major) Bird and Gene Gilliam, also Mrs. Bird, and Mrs. Gilliam recently returned from a 5 month vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida . . . and everyone is glad to see these two popular couples at home once again.

Again, this year, Worcester and its Auxiliary will have a large delegation at the National Convention, YDVA, to be held at Manchester, N. H., June 9th through the 12th . . . with the main headquarters at the Hotel Carpenter. Members from Worcester will be headed by Commander Joseph Maynard and President Florence Premo, of the Auxiliary.

Sheldon Goodwin, *secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: George Riickerl, 102 Grove St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde Beckwith, 291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened by Comm. Lindgren at 3:30 P.M. The chair recognized National Commander Jim Meikle; Past National Commander Al Herman, Past National Commander Ed Miller, National Sergeant-at-Arms Titus, Gen. Ernest Novey, Past Department Commanders Tom Porter, Bill Thompson, Clyde Beckwith, Roy Woodcock, John Carter, Paul Caravatt, Archie and Mrs. McInnis of Worcester.

Roll Call: 8 officers present and 11 chapters represented.

Illness report: Prior to this state meeting distribution of cigarettes at the Rocky Hill Vets Hosp. was made: Chaplain Tom Porter reports these YD men there: Frank L. Martin, Sam Grestelevsky, Alfred S. McKinley, Wm. Hubbell, John Divijan, Wm. Harrington, Chris F. Eimer, Oliver H. Perry, John Goss, Herb Bissell, Joe Torpey, Eugene Kelly, Otis R. Doro, Eugene Holm. At Newington Vets Hosp.: Alex Tornaud, Homer Pelletier. At New Haven Vets Hosp., Joe Papillo. Others reported sick: Dan Moquin, Charles Sturgeon and John Morroco, Bristol); Ed Frazier, (Manchester); John Richardson, (Torrington); Gordon Stevens, (New Haven); Sam Marcus, (Bridgeport); Hermas Poirier, (Norwalk).

Deaths reported: Judge Advocate Dwight Chapman, (New Haven); Edward Conklin, (Meriden); John Franko, Wm. Fleisher, Edward McNally, Walter Smith.

Minutes of New Britain state meeting read and accepted.

Nominating Committee, Clyde Beckwith, chairman: Bristol, Hartford, Saybrook, Stamford, Norwalk and Torrington Chapters were represented by their commanders; New Haven by Ray Cooper; New London by Roy Woodcock; Windham County by Euclid Pimpare. The committee met at DB Hall prior to state meeting. At his own request due to conflict in duties our present Senior Vice Commander was not considered a candidate for election. Your committee proposes the following slate:

Commander, George Riickerl, Stamford Chapter; Senior Vice Commander, Erman Cavagnero, Torrington Chapter; Junior Vice Commander, Fred Bauer, Bristol Chapter; Treasurer, Sam Marcus, Bridgeport Chapter; Historian, Nap White, Hartford Chapter; Chaplain, Tom Porter, Old Saybrook Chapter; Service Officer, John Carter, Hartford Chapter; Americanization Officer, Erick Erickson, Bridgeport Chapter; Judge Advocate, Roy Woodcock, Waterbury Chapter; Legislative Officer, Howard Titus, Hartford Chapter.

New Business: Joe LiVolsi (Stamford), proposed that Armistice Day November 11, now known as Veterans Day be a legal holiday. Howard Titus says present bills for closing schools and banks, not necessarily all business. On motion by Bill Thompson it was voted that we go on record that Veterans Day be a complete legal holiday. It was suggested that chapters consider action too.

Commander Lindgren reports a proposal to convert Newington into a neuro-psychiatric hospital exclusively and that West Haven Vets Hosp. be the general hospital: Since 700 Conn. NS vets are now in Mass. and N. Y. hospitals and 1000 Conn. NS additional vets need attention, this action may be the best answer.

Junior Vice Commander Riickerl reports that Stamford Chapter's monthly meetings are held in turn in members' homes and usually half the chapter membership turns out. Since this method is successful in Stamford, other small chapters could try it.

Past National Commander Ed Miller says he is not well enough to attend state meetings often but hopes our regular monthly meetings, attendance and interest in YDVA will continue for many years to come.

Clyde Beckwith,
Conn. Dept. Sec.

BRISTOL MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Charles D. Goudreault
43 Fairview Ave., Bristol, Conn.

Secretary: Clyde Beckwith
291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

On Friday, March 11, at the Elks Home in Bristol the slate of officers for the coming year were elected. Since Chief Graham is too busy, not only with our own fire department but with the New England organization of fire departments, we reluctantly let him off the hook as chapter secretary, which he has conscientiously carried out since he took over from the late Will Salladin.

Elected were: Charles D. Goudreault, Commander; Al Block, Senior Vice Commander; Clyde Brooks, Junior Vice Commander; Clyde Beckwith, Secretary; Bill Thompson, Treasurer; Karl Chase, Chaplain; Clarence Smith, Historian; Sergeant-at-Arms, Lawrence Bates; Trustees, Strupp, Graham, Wysenski. Installation will take place on Saturday, May 14, at the Bristol Lodge of Elks. The turkey dinner arrangements are in charge of a committee composed of Bill Thompson and Art Bradley.

Other business transacted included voting a past commander badge for Sam Strupp, a contribution to the Gaylord Farm tuberculosis sanitarium, and the purchase of 50 new grave markers.

On Sunday, April 17, at the VFW Hall in Bridgeport, Fred Bauer was installed as department Junior Vice Commander and Clyde Beckwith as department secretary.

Instead of the April meeting the annual Seicheprey banquet was held at the Elks Home. Guests were Henry Woods and commander-elect Harold Anderson, with their wives, of Norwalk Chapter. A roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all and no speeches except announcements of coming YD events by outgoing commander Sam Strupp and a brief announcement of the Al Herman testimonial dinner by Henry Woods. Due to other commitments for YDVA our own National Commander Jim Meikle was unable to be present.

We have two members ill at home, Charles Sturgeon and Albert Newsome. Dan Moquin died since our last item in Doings.

We expect to have a good representation at the Al Herman testimonial on April 30 and also at the National Convention in June at Manchester, N. H.

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Due to pressure of duties, not only as Bristol Fire Chief but also in connection with the New England association of fire departments, our secretary George Graham, who carried on conscientiously and ably since the late Will Salladin became to ill to do the job, declined election for the coming year. Clyde Beckwith is the new secretary.

Th annual Seichprey dinner at Elks Home was well attended. Bill Thompson and his committee put on a fine roast beef dinner. Commander Harold Anderson and Henry Woods of Norwalk Chapter were guests. Henry mentioned the testimonial dinner for Al Herman in Norwalk to be held April 30. He was assured that Bristol would be well represented there.

The installation of officers for Mont Sec Chapter is scheduled at the Elks Home on Saturday, May 14. Bill Thompson and Art Bradley are the committee and they promise us a turkey dinner.

Charles Sturgeon is still ill at his home.

Frank Morea of Farmington is our newest member. He was in Fred Bauer's outfit.

Our next get-together will probably be at the national convention in Manchester, N. H.

Clyde Beckwith, *Sec.*

STAMFORD CHAPTER

Commander: Alexander C. Coons
56 Grove St., Stamford, Conn.

Secretary: Albert Baker
24 Custer St., Stamford, Conn.

Stamford Chapter held its regular monthly meeting and installation of newly elected officers at Angelo Simmonelli's Dug Out Delux with 23 boys and girls out, including our State Commander (Now past) Al Lindgren doing the installing.

The newly elected officers were: Commander, Al Coons; Senior Vice Commander, Steve Torok; Junior Vice Commander' William Dippell; Secretary, Al Baker; Treasurer, Ray MacNicholl; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ellis Young newly acquired member from up Maine way and ch maintenance man with Bloomingdale's new store in Sta ford.)

Stamford is happy and proud to be the sponsorin chapter of the newly elected State Commander, George Riickerl, old work horse of our local chapter. He's one of the boys who eats, sleeps and lives YD 24 hours a day, a guy who has driven hundreds of miles for the good and welfare of his buddies.

George has appointed as his Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Stamford's new commander, Allie Coons, who is another real gone guy for YD. This is a team hard to beat.

It is our sincere hope here in Stamford, that the State will turn out a good year for George, who will certainly reciprocate right up to the hilt. Let's get him 700 members this year, and this isn't at all impossible if each one of us will personally contact that old buddy, get his dues, and get him back in the fold.

Our next meeting at Steve Torok's Dug Out 22 Richards Avenue, Stamford. DON'T FORGET 700 in 1955 for Connecticut.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ray MacNicholl,
Stamford Chapter

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NEW BRITAIN CHAPTER

Commander: Orville S. Ventres
Lower Lane, Berlin, Conn.
Secretary: James W. Post
86 Maple Street, New Britain, Conn.

We had a big time in New Britain on Sunday, May 1st, we had a Loyalty Day Parade, they were about 9,000 marching in line and about 50 bands from all over the State including the Wirmmars String Band from Philadelphia, Penn., and then about 200,000 spectators watching the parade and it took about 4 hours to pass. The 102nd Machine Gun Co. will hold a reunion in New Britain on May 7, 1955 and yours truly has been invited.

I am sending notices for Dues for the coming year and I hope every member will send his by return mail, how about it comrades.

James W. Post, *Secretary*

HARTFORD CHAPTER

Commander: William J. Scanlon
74 Nilan St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford 10, Conn.

Hartford Chapter lost another of its members in the death of Louis J. Chevallier. He was our choice for junior vice commander for the coming year. Louis had been Department Commander of the American Legion and was active in veterans' welfare work. We shall miss him.

Our new slate of officers has been elected and installation will take place Saturday night, May 14 at our club house on White Street. A chicken dinner will be served by our committee headed by Samuel Tubin prior to the installation ceremony. Our new commander will be William J. Scanlon who served in WW I, Co. F 102nd Infantry. Frederick (Moose) Miller, will be senior vice; Napoleon White, junior vice; Paul J. Caravatt, treasurer; Sigmant Buczinski, chaplain; Carroll B. Case, secretary; Stuart R. Spear, historian; Dennis P. O'Connor, judge advocate; Frank J. Trzcinski, sergeant-at-arms; trustees: Col. Henry A. Beebe, Harry T. Robertson and John R. Edwards.

Our hard working treasurer and past department commander Paul J. Caravatt has been ill in the hospital for the past several weeks, but now is convalescing at home. Also our national historian John J. Goss, has been in Rocky Hill veterans hospital several times this winter, but at present is home. We wish them good health.

Several members and their wives attended the recent dinner in Norwalk honoring our past national commander Albert Herman. Those present from Hartford were: 'Moose' Miller former commander of Norwalk chapter and now senior vice of our Chapter, Howard W. Titus, Arthur J. Evans, Samuel Tubin, Napoleon White.

At the present time, it appears that there will be a large delegation from here in Manchester this June. Hope to see you there.

C.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John King
645 Congress Ave., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Dexter A. Cargill
62 Elm St., East Haven, Conn.

The Memorial Service for Seichprey Day was held April 23, under the chairmanship of Ray Cooper. Mayor Richard Lee, Rev. Beach and Rev. Father Stone participated in the program at the War Memorial on the New Haven Green. This service was followed by a short ceremony and placing of a wreath at the Timothy Ahearn monument at Derby Ave. and Blvd.

The same evening, in the Chapter rooms, the joint installation of the Chapter and Auxiliary was held. PDC Al Lindgren served as master of ceremonies and installing officer for the Chapter. PC Otto Weiler installed the officers of the Auxiliary. An Honorary Life Membership Certificate was presented to Mr. George Keeley, New Haven Register Press Photographer. Prior to the installation an excellent buffet was served and a vote of appreciation should go to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cooper and Mrs. Rose Gardner for their part in making the evening a success.

On April 30, a delegation attended the dinner for PNC Al Herman in South Norwalk and a good time was had by all.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: Charles V. Weaver, 890 Valley St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Harold S. Fallon, 97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.

The Department of New Hampshire held its regular meeting Sunday, May 1st at Sweeney Post No. 2, of the American Legion in Manchester. A short business meeting was held. And we of New Hampshire had the pleasure of having our National Commander, Jim Meikle, present. It is always a pleasure to have Jim with us whether formal or otherwise.

Due to the fact that Jim has other commitments so therefore cannot attend the services at the Cathedral of the Pines, in Rindge, N. H., on Memorial Day, the Dept. of New Hampshire has been asked to take over this mission. Which we gladly accepted and will try to do it justice. As you read this we will have had two (2) men in uniform to place the wreath on the altar at the Cathedral of the Pines.

The primary reason for our National Commander coming to New Hampshire was to install the newly elected officers of the Dept. of New Hampshire, which is another one of Jim's acts that we in New Hampshire are truly grateful for. Following is the list of officers installed.

Commander, Charles Weaver, 890 Valley St., Manchester; Senior Vice Commander, Dana Huntress, Portsmouth; Junior Vice Commander, John Loxton, Manchester; Treasurer, John Becard, Portsmouth; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Bailey, Derry; Chaplain, William A. Sobozenski, Newmarket; Secretary, Harold S. Fallon, 97 Prospect St., Manchester.

Thank you Jim for a job well done.

Once YD always YD and let every member who reads this issue of "Doings" help "Keep it Alive" by getting back in and helping our new Commander Charlie "Staunch YD'er" Weaver do a good job. With our help he can do wonders . . . without it he can accomplish nothing.

The Department holds its meetings the 4th Sunday of the month. Consult your local chapter for time and place. The meaning of the word consult is—yes—right you are—attend your chapter meetings.

After the installation, a very fine lunch was served by the Manchester auxiliary of which Betty Fallon, was chairman, and she was very ably assisted by Chapter Pres. Eula Loxton, Lina Goodhue. We do not think anyone went hungry. Thank you girls, you did a wonderful job.

Visitations, installations and lunches all taken care of — now comes — "Convention." All I will say is — If you receive your "Doings" before Convention — help us make this the best. Remember it is never to late to "REGISTER."

So long for now — See you all in June.

Yours in YD now and forever,

Harold (Fancy Pants) Fallon.

P.S. — I can thank the Auxiliary for the F P at the Portsmouth Convention. (Remember Girls.)

Harold.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Commander: Walter G. Misewicz, 16 Samoset, Central Falls, R. I.
Secretary: Homer W. Poirier, 39 Edgemere Rd., Pawtucket, R. I.

Apremont Chapter of Pawtucket was host to the State Department and to the Providence Chapter at a joint installation held at the Johnson's Hummocks in Providence, R. I., on April 23, 1955. A delicious Roast Sirloin of Beef dinner was served to the 95 who were present.

Rhode Island was honored by the presence of National Commander and Mrs. Meikle, Sergeant-at-Arms and Mrs. Titus.

Providence and Apremont Chapters were installed by Past Department Commander Fred Grandchamp, assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms Titus.

Department Officers were then installed by National Commander Meikle and assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms Titus who added much color to the installation. Past Dept. Commander Fred Grandchamp was presented with a P.D.C. button by Commander Meikle. Also Past Commanders buttons were presented to comrades Vigeard and Story. Short speeches were made by both comrades Grandchamp and Cannao.

Past National Commanders, Lawrence H. Cook and "Pete" Bourget were asked to make a bow. Master of Ceremonies was Walter G. Misewicz, new State Department Commander.

Department of Rhode Island Officers for 1955 are: Commander, Walter G. Misewicz; Senior Vice Commander, Edward J. Godin; Junior Vice Commander, Edward N. Story; Chaplain, Frank Cannao; Secretary, Homer W. Poirier; Historian, Herbert H. Murray; Treasurer, John R. Moran; Trustee (3 years), Fred Grandchamp.

Homer W. Poirier, *Secretary*

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph Taci

57 Robin St., Providence R. I.

Secretary: Guy M. Kittredge

107 Lexington Ave., Providence 7, R. I.

Providence Chapter at its regular April meeting nominated and elected the following slate of officers for the coming year, 1955-1956.

Commander, Joseph Taci; Senior Vice Commander, Everett J. Holland; Junior Vice Commander, Herve P. Cauchon; Chaplain, Francis Kieran; Secretary-Treasurer, Guy M. Kittredge; Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara; Historian, James J. Girvan; Trustees: Leo Bottari, 1 year; Edwin N. Story, 2 years; Frank P. Cannao, 3 years.

These officers are to be installed by National Commander James F. B. Meikle, assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms Howard W. Titus, at Johnson's Hummocks, 245 Allens Ave., Providence, R. I. on Saturday, April 23rd., with a dinner at 7 P.M.

Guy M. Kittredge, *Sec.-Treas.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Francis J. Gallagher, 105 Garth Road, Oreland, Penn.
Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr., 1017 So. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Penn.

PHILADELPHIA
"Charles H. Frazier" Chapter
Commander: Arthur C. Raver
2439 Ardsey Ave., Glenside, Pa.

Secretary: George C. Linthicum
1007 Minden Lane, Collingdale, Pa.

At our March meeting, new officers were elected to guide the Chapter through the coming year. Here are the men who will be installed at our banquet in May:

Commander, Art Raver (WW II); Senior Vice Commander, John Garland (WW II); Junior Vice Commander, Fred Miles (WW I); Chaplain, Louis DePaul (WW II); Treasurer, Karl Ley, Jr. (WW II); Sergeant-at-Arms, Lou Wintner (WW I); Trustees: Al Roberts (WW I); Bill Forsythe (WW I); Lou Wintner; Historian, Al Roberts.

These comrades deserve your loyal support through the coming year because they will have a heavy responsibility to perform the duties of their offices as faithfully and efficiently as their predecessors. All the members wish them well.

Sy Teblum who at present is stationed in Alaska, was given the post of Honorary Commander which he well deserves. Sy is one of our fine comrades and we can always count on a cheerful and newsy letter from him at our meetings. Everyone enjoys these letters, Sy, so keep them coming. The latest word is that we may be seeing him sometime in June. Sure hope so.

Al Roberts has been in the hospital in Wilmington, Del. Some of the fellows are planning on going down to see him and wish him well. Hurry back, Al, we all miss you around the meetings.

We're hoping that Philadelphia will again be well represented at Manchester this year. All that is necessary is to attend one convention, meet the many fine YD men and women, and conventions become a part of you. I can't think of a more enjoyable way to spend a few days vacation. You carry away memories of all the good times you had, and many times they are fondly recalled.

Our attendance at last year's banquet sort of fell off, but we hope this year that the pendulum swings the other way. It will take the cooperation of all members, however. You will be receiving notice on the banquet soon now, so please make every effort to attend. It is our one big event of the year.

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month unless you receive notice to the contrary, so don't forget the "Dugout" at 3533 No. 11th St., Phila. Pick up again your practice of regularly attending the meetings and enjoying good fellowship. You won't be sorry. See you all at the banquet.

— Art Raver

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 616 East Carson St., Torrance, Calif.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Desert Chapter

Commander: J. Robert Fleming
311 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona

Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook
1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

Usually when a chapter elects and installs a new complement of officers it turns out to be quite an affair especially in these past years when the ladies join in the festivities but down here in the wide open spaces, the whole thing is practically unnoticed. As stated before we just pass the honorable office of commander around and if we continue to survive this atomic age, we will all have had a shot at it. Receiving "Yankee Doings" on May 5th doesn't give this writer much of a chance to make a May 7th deadline, however, just to let the rest know that we are still in the fold and again 100%, we will take a chance and send this little notice on its way. Paul Walsh our first commander found an old YD man working at the Phoenix Veterans Hospital, so now we have 9 members. Clifford W. Wescott, formerly an ex-ray technician with the 101st Field Hospital and now working in the same capacity in Phoenix. Happy to have him with us.

Soon all you guys and dolls will be having a swell time at Manchester and needless to say I wish it were possible for me to join you. Would like to be there to cast my vote for our next National Commander Clarence Anderson. Being a privilege only for those at the convention can exercise, I hope he will remember the lost battalions in the Far West and either come out for a visit or at least drop us a line which is something no other National Commander has done since Larry Cook was our head man. Our best wishes to the Convention Corporation and our hope that you all will have pleasant weather and have a swell time.

Denny O'Holbrook

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Secretary: Carrie Rowell, 11 Henry Street, Haverhill, Mass.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There seem to be no outstanding things to report at this time. Our meetings have been progressing very nicely this year with an average attendance of twenty-two. We could have a better participation on the part of Auxiliary presidents and I strongly urge them to consider this part of their duties and make an effort to attend the meetings this coming year.

Your National Secretary has tried to send a report to each auxiliary following the executive meeting, but this is a great deal of work to demand of a member who has a lot of thankless work to perform at best. If each auxiliary was represented at the meeting and the member present would report back to her auxiliary it would help a lot.

Remember that each paid up member has the right to vote at the Convention meetings. If you are at the Convention be sure to attend the meetings and vote. We are going to try to keep the time spent in meetings down as much as possible. Report to the meeting room on time.

We have put aside $100.00 to be distributed at Convention, the same as last year. The decision as to where it will go will be made at the Convention meeting, Friday. Pay your per capita tax now, so the treasurer will have he records completed before Convention.

Memorial Services will be held by the Auxiliary at the pening meeting Friday morning. Send your list of deeased members to the Chaplain Ellowean Anderson now.

We will vote on a Ritual for deceased members, and act on other resolutions and amendments to the By-laws at the Convention. Be at the meeting Friday so that you will hear them and be ready to vote on them Saturday. If you are present and vote it will be better than criticizing after they have been adopted.

The Auxiliary will have meetings Friday and Saturday morning, and installation Saturday evening; otherwise, we will participate in the regular schedule of events. When you pick up your registration at Convention ask for the location of the meeting hall.

F. L. Tarleton,
National President

HAVERHILL YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Zelma Comeau
4 Broad Street, Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Mrs. Florence L. Tarleton
19 Highland Avenue, Haverhill, Mass.

Although we have twenty-one paid up members in the auxiliary it is the same six or eight who show up for meetings. Since we have not been able to use our Dugout and do not know when the City will repair them or move us to other quarters we have been meeting at members' homes, whenever most convenient.

Sunday afternoon, April 24, despite the fact that there were several YD doings that same day and our regular chauffeurs had to be elsewhere, the auxiliary managed to put on a very successful Coffee Hour at the Quigley Memorial Hospital.

Several of our members and chapter members attended the Breakfast, tendered the National Auxiliary by Mayor John B. Hynes, City of Boston, May 14, 1955, Hotel Somerset.

The auxiliary was also among the workers at the Dept. Aux. Coffee Hour, May 22, at the Quigley Memorial Hospital.

Auxiliary President Zelma Comeau, Treasurer Carrie E. Rowell and Secretary Florence Tarleton, attended the testimonial dinner tendered Roy Pettigrew, Department Commander, USWV, in Haverhill, Saturday evening May 7, 1955.

Florence Tarleton, *Secretary*

DEPT. OF MASS. AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Signe M. Nute
2 Preston St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mrs. Florence C. Goodwin
3 Allen St., Worcester, Mass.

The Officers of the Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association and its Auxiliary were installed Sunday, April 3rd in YD Memorial Headquarters, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Installing Officers were Past National Commander Michael O'Connor of Northampton, and National President Florence Tarleton, of Haverhill. They were assisted by National Sgt.-at-Arms Howard Titus of Hartford, Conn. and National Sgt.-at-Arms Stella Lavallee of Northampton.

The following Slate of Officers were installed into the Auxiliary: President, Signe M. Nute, of Worcester; Senior Vice President, Hazel Riley, of Boston; Junior Vice President, Marie McDonald, of Boston; Secretary, Florence Goodwin, of Worcester; Treasurer, Carrie Rowell, of Haverhill; Chaplain, Florence Gould, of Worcester; Historian, Patricia Lavallee, of Northampton; Service Officer, Grace O'Connor, of Northampton; Sergeant-at-Arms, Susan Noponen, of Worcester; Trustees: Catherine Reimer, of Boston; Julia Cioch, of Springfield; Florence Premo, of Worcester; National President Florence Tarleton is Trustee from Haverhill and National Sgt.-at-Arms, Stella Lavallee is Trustee from Northampton.

Past National Commander James (Cowboy) Sullivan of Boston was Master of Ceremonies and introduced several guests from New Hampshire, Past Dept. Commander Clarence Anderson, Eva and Doc Brown, Past Dept. Commander Harold and Past National President Betty Fallon, Department Commander John Bechard, National Senior

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Vice President Mabel Ross. Massachusetts guests were Past National President Irene Melville, Past Dept. Commanders Wallace Burnham, Harold Nute, and Edwin Streeter. President Ruth I. Parks, and Commander Doucette represented Gloucester Chapter and Auxiliary. Several other visitors of other Veterans Organizations, too numerous to mention.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments after the festivities. President Signe Nute desires to express her gratitude to all the participants for helping to make the installation a success, I know that all the Auxiliary members will join me in wishing her a happy and successful year and will help to make it so.

On Sunday, April 24th President Signe Nute, officiated at her first Installation, her own Auxiliary in Worcester. The following Slate of Officers were installed: President, Florence Premo; Senior Vice President, Nora Johnson; Junior Vice President, Florence Goodwin; Secretary, Mary Boyd; Chaplain, Ruth Contois; Historian, Anne Crowley; Sergeant-at-Arms, Myrtis Valentine; Trustees: Florence Gould, Mary Judge, Eva Leahey, and Bertha Fahey. Historian Alice Bird, and Service Officer Minnie Gilliam, will be installed when they return from their trip to Florida. Before the Installation, all enjoyed a dinner of Chicken Pie with all the trimmings, after the Installations, Past Dept. Commander Harold Nute was Master of Ceremonies and introduced Past National President Irene Melville, and her Past National Sgt.-at-Arms Lillian McGonagle, Past National Commander Michael O'Connor and his wife Grace. Mrs. Agnes Cioch Gold Star Mother, of Springfield, Miss Julia Cioch, President of Springfield Auxiliary, President Ruth I. Parks, and Commander Doucette, of Gloucester, National Junior Vice President, Catherine Reimer, of Boston, coffee and doughnuts were served by the Worcester Auxiliary.

At the May meeting in Northampton, the State Dept. Aux. will have their annual Memorial Services, State Dept. Chaplain, Florence Gould will be in charge.

On June 5th joint Memorial Services will be conducted in Lynn. Two large wreathes will be placed, one at each end of General Edwards Bridge.

If there have been any omissions in this report it is accidental and if so advised will try to correct same at later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Goodwin, *Sec'y.*

WORCESTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Florence Premo
15 Hammond St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 West Main St., Northboro, Mass.

We had our joint installation on April 24th, following a wonderful dinner which was served by our Chapter. Dept. Pres. Signe Nute and Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms did a grand job. Now our new President will have her first meeting on May 12th. On May 20th, we are having another Military Whist Party for our hospital fund. We are happy to have Alice Bird, our Treasurer and Minnie Gilliam, our Service Officer back from their Florida vacation and are looking forward to having them at our next meeting. Several of us are going to Manchester, N. H., for our National Convention and hope to see a lot of other Auxiliary members there.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary F. Boyd, *Sec'y.*

SPRINGFIELD YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Julia Cioch
8 Cowles Ct., Westfield Mass.

Secretary: Marge Scagliarini
18 Norfolk St., Springfield, Mass.

The Springfield Auxiliary has been quite busy for the past few months. We held two successful projects, namely, a St. Patrick's Card Party and secondly a Rummage Sale. Jennie Curto was chairman of the card party and Irene Maley was chairman of the rummage sale. Our Service Officer Kit Crokan and her committee put on two variety shows, one at Leeds Hospital and one at Holyoke Soldier's Hospital. In April, we held our annual membership supper at the Club Quarters after which we held a short business meeting. In April we also held a joint meeting with the Springfield Chapter which was quite different and enjoyable.

The Installation Committee is holding Barnyard Whist Card Party May 10th. Our regular meeting will be held May 16th and come on girls this will be nomination and election of officers. Our Installation will be held June 4 at the Mahogany Room of the Municipal Building in Springfield.

All for now.

Marge Scagliarini, *Secretary*

DEPT. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mabel Ross
134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple St., Kittery, Maine

Installation of Officers was held Sunday, April 24th at American Legion Sweeney Post, Manchester, N. H.

The new officers are: Mabel Ross, President, Portsmouth; Antonette Morton, Senior Vice President, Nashua; May Germonty, Junior Vice President, Manchester; Laurice J. Harmon, Secretary, Kittery, Me.; Ellowean Anderson, Treasurer, Portsmouth; Justine Bechard, Chaplain, Portsmouth; Helen Walsh, Sergeant-at-Arms, Nashua; Eva Brown, Historian, Manchester; Trustees: Malena Byron, Manchester; Clarell Lovejoy, Kittery, Me.

The Installing Officer was National Auxiliary Pres. Florence Tarleton of Haverhill, Mass., assisted by Stella

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There was a good attendance from New Hampshire also. Barbara Packard, Eva Lane, and Hulda Packard of North Hampton.

A grand lunch was served by the ladies of the Manchester Auxiliary. Laurice J. Harmon, *Sec.*

MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Gertrude Wood
Palmer Avenue, Kittery, Maine

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine

Regular meeting was held May 6th with the new officers.

The Auxiliary was invited to participate in the Memorial Day exercises at Portsmouth and Kittery but as the YD has had an invitation to attend services at Rindge, N. H., we had to refuse the invitation.

We will attend the Memorial exercises held in the schools May 25th, 26th, 27th.

We have one new member Mrs. June B. McCarthy, daughter of our grand YD members, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson.

We were also invited to attend the Area Community Health and Welfare Council which has just become active again.

The next State Dept. of New Hampshire meeting will be held in Portsmouth. Laurice J. Harmon, *Sec.*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF PHILADELPHIA

President: Jean Ross
108 Ardsley Road, Philadelphia

Secretary: Dorothy Raver
2439 Ardsley Avenue, Glenside, Pa.

Our chapter proudly presents for publication our new slate of officers for 1955-56 as follows: President, Kay Gallagher; Senior Vice President, Peg Kelly; Junior Vice President, Eleanor Schork; Secretary, Marge Dollarton; Treasurer, Margaret Drollinger; Chaplain, Anna Teblum; Historian, Emma Frazier; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jane Brown; Trustees: Jean Ross and Dorothy Raver. Congratulations to our new officers and may we have another successful year.

I am glad to report that Emma Frazier who was taken ill in Bridgeport, Conn. is now back home and on the road to recovery.

At our last meeting our fiscal year was officially changed to July 1st to June 30th, to agree with National's fiscal year. This, I understand, is in accordance with the desire of our National Auxiliary.

We are looking forward to the picnic to be held at the home of Eleanor and John Schork next June 19. We will probably have ham and potato salad and all the trimmings. I think that is a good thought on which to end my year as Secretary of this Chapter and my reports to the YD.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Raver, *Secretary*

BATTERY 'E', 101st F. A.

Our annual reunion and banquet was held April 29th at Hotel Edison, Lynn. A. Raymond Doucette, permanent chairman was M. C. and was assisted in arrangements by Edmond Trudell.

A fine pot roast dinner was enjoyed by all and movies of past reunions were shown by Ed. Trudell, assisted by Tom Curran. Other's present were: James Connolly, Frank Curry, Charlie Durkee, Hal Guppy, Mike Garofano, Al Harrington, Pickles Kelley, Bud Morrison, Art. McDonald, Clarence Sewell, Joseph Sewell, Muscles Varnam from Lynn and Bill Barr from Auburn, Maine and Wm. "Scotty" Douglas from Rocky Hill, Ohio, who came the longest distance, and Leo Brault, Ted Dube, Bernard Dube, Bill Ayers, Joe Jackman, Willie Piasecki from Salem and Web Blanchard, Wes Grover, Al Horgan from Danvers.

Louis Hamilton, Joe Pesce from Beverly, and Jack Coughlin and Buddy Tribou from Manchester and Gloucester. Roger Brown from Melrose and Larry Gage from Boston, George Young and Earl Bailey from Swampscott, Henry Blanchette and Bill Roome from Marblehead, and that popular fellow from Medford, old reliable Jack Lacasse. Messages were received from Louis Wheelock, David Marshall, Doc Pierce, Charlie Phelps, Saul Meyer.

The next party will be a joint affair on October 15th at Hotel Edison. Be sure and come, all you former Battery E men and bring the Mrs.

— The Duke

BATTERY 'A' HOLDS ANNUAL REUNION

The Veterans of Battery A, 102nd F. A., WW I, held its 35th Reunion and dinner at DiBurro's Restaurant, Haaverhill, Mass., with nearly a hundred present.

Charles Brindamour and Roy Wightman attended from Hollywood, Fla. Others who were present were Henry Dionne and wife, Myron Hardy and wife, Dana Huntress and wife, W. Perry Tarleton and wife, Paul E. Sawyer and wife, Clement T. Waldron, Wallace Burnham and wife, Arthur Henderson, Martin Galvin, Ernest Meteyer and wife.

Perry Tarleton was elected President, Paul Sawyer, Secretary, Clement Waldron, Treasurer.

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RUFUS W. WASHBURN, former 1st Sgt. Co 'F', 1002nd Inf., WW-I, former member of the Hartford Chapter.

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CHARLES H. FULLER, formerly with Bty 'B', 103rd F...A., WW-I, died Jan. 18, 1955. He was a retired Lieut. off the Pawtucket Fire Dept. and a member of the Pawtuucket Chapter.

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GEORGE A. GODDARD, formerly with Bty 'A', 1002nd F.A., WW-I, died Mar. 27, 1955 at the Hale Hospiital, Haverhill, Mass.

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ALFRED GRENERY, formerly with Co 'I', 104th Innf., WW-I, died Dec. 31, 1954 at Northampton, Mass.

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EDWIN C. MASON, formerly with Co 'E', 101st Innf., WW-I, died at Dorchester, Mass., March 27, 1955.

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CHARLES P. HILL, formerly with Co 'I', 104th Inf., WWW-I, died recently at Northampton, Mass.

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CLARENCE C. MacLAINE, formerly with Co 'A', 1102nd MG Bn., died at Amesbury, Mass., after a short iillness.

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FRANK J. DEUTSCH, formerly with 102nd Ambulance Co., died at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 1, 1955. He was a former member of the New York Chapter.

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HARRY W. BOORD, formerly with Co 'C', 101st Field Signal Bn., died recently. His home was in Pittsburg, Penn.

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CLYDE A. BOOKER, formerly with Co 'C', 101st Eng., WW I, died May 7, 1955 at Lexington, Mass.

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JOSEPH H. BENSON, formerly with Hdqtrs. Co 102nd Inf., died recently. He was a former member of the New Haven Chapter.

LOUIS J. CHEVALLIER, formerly with Co 'M', 102nd Inf., died during March, 1955. He was a former member of the Hartford Chapter. His home was in Glastonbury, Ct.

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EDWARD G. FRAZIER, formerly with Co 'G', 102nd Inf., died April 1, 1955. He was a former member of the Manchester, Conn. Chapter.

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ALBERT V. MITCHELL, formerly with Bty 'A', 102nd F. A., WW I, died recently. His home was at Newburyport, Mass.

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THOMAS A. DEVINE, formerly with the Supply Co., 101st F. A., WW I, died suddenly April 16, 1955 at Roxbury, Mass. He was a member of the Boston Chapter.

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FRANK O. MAHON, formerly with Hdqtrs Co., 101st Inf., WW I, died at the Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Mass., April 21, 1955.

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EUGENE MURPHY, formerly was 1st Sgt., Battery 'A', 102nd F. A. Bn., WW II, died April 15, 1955 at Beverly, Mass., where he was a member of the Fire Department.

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WILLIAM STEVENSON, formerly C. O. of Co 'C', 104th Inf., WW I, died at Santa Barbara, Calif., on May 4, 1955. He was a member of the Los Angeles, Calif. Was also a Spanish War Veteran.

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WILLIAM H. GORDON, formerly with Co 'F', 104th Inf., WW I, died at Hale Hospital, Haverhill, Mass., April 16, 1955. He was a Past Commander of the Wilbur Comeau Post A. L., the Hannah Dustin Chapter, D.A.V. and the Haverhill Chapter YDVA.

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CARROLL C. WALDRON, formerly with Bty. 'F', 101st F. A., WW I, died in Beverly, Mass., April 23, 1955, funeral services were held April 26. Burial at Northwood, N. H.

PERCY F. GARLAND, formerly with Co 'E', 101st Eng., WW I, died recently at Conway Center, N. H.

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GEDEON (PETE) LAMBERT, formerly with the 101st Trench Mortar Bn., WW I, died at Lewiston, Maine, March 21, 1955. He was a member of the VFW, DAV and YD Veterans Association.

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DANIEL A. PHILIPS, formerly with Co 'B', 101st Inf., WW I, died at East Boston, May 16, 1955.

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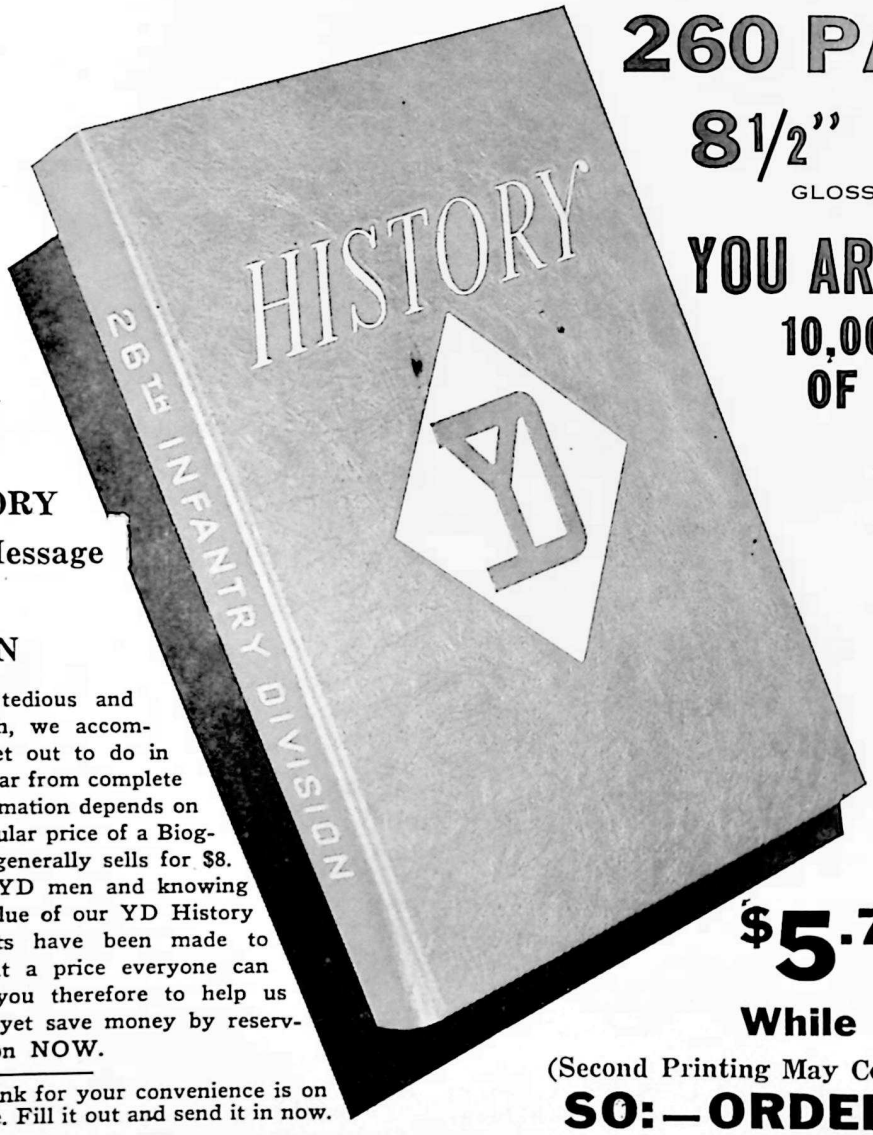

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